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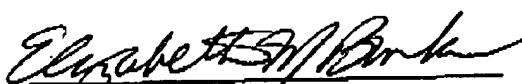
According to our records, the above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 1, 2001, and Applicants filed a Status Inquiry in this application on January 2, 2003. However, Applicants have received no communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office since filing that Status Inquiry.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

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1. Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(b) (2 pages)
2. Form PTO 1449 (1 page) with copies of the 8 references listed on the Form PTO 1449

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EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

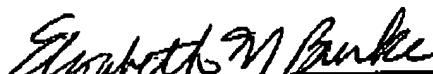
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